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C O N F I D E N T I A L KADUNA 0673

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PDEV, NI

SUBJECT: NORTHERN POLITICAL PARTY BEING FORMED

REF: KADUNA 0654

1. WAZIRI OF KATSINA, ISA KAITA, REPORTS THAT LAGOS MEETING OF NORTHERN CA MEMBERS AND POLITICIANS REPORTED IN REFTEL DECIDED PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH PRELIMINARY STEPS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NORTHERN POLITICAL PARTY. MEETING TOOK PLACE AS PLANNED AT CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, FINALLY BREAKING UP AT MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY. WHEN QUERIED AS TO WHETHER POLICE, IN VIEW OF BAN ON POLITICS, HAD INTERESTED THEMSELVES IN NORTHERN CONCLAVE, KAITA SAID THEY HAD NOT. PARTICIPANTS DISMISSED CARS UPON ARRIVAL AT ASSEMBLY TO AVOID ELICITING GENERAL ATTENTION TO SESSION. HOWEVER, IT OBVIOUS SENIOR LEVELS OF POLICE WERE WELL AWARE OF WHAT WAS GOING ON. KAITA STAYED AT HOME OF POLICE INSPECTOR GENERAL M.D. YUSUFU.

2. KAITA AND SEVERAL OTHERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO COMMITTEES CHARGED WITH DRAFTING PARTY CONSTITUTION, RULES AND MANIFESTO. OTHER COMMITTEES TO HANDLE SUCH  
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MATTERS AS FINANCE, PUBLICITY, ETC., HAVE ALSO BEEN FORMED. SECOND MEETING, PROBABLY NOT AS LARGE AS SATURDAY'S, HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 24 IN KADUNA. IN ADDITION TO DECISION PROCEED WITH FORMATION OF PARTY, SATURADY'S MEETING FOCUSED ON NEED FOR AND WAYS AND MEANS OF REESTABLISHING "NORTHERN UNITY." TACTICS ON SHARIA WERE ALSO ON DOCKET. DECISION WAS TAKEN THAT

UNLESS NORTHERN CA MEMBERS HAVE 116 SURE VOTES FOR  
SHARIA IN ASSEMBLY, MATTER SHOULD BE LEFT AS IS NOW AND  
EFFORTS MADE IN 1979 PARLIAMENT TO ACHIEVE NORTHERN  
GOALS. ACCORDING TO KAITA CA MEMBERS ESTIMATE THAT  
ASSEMBLY WILL FINISH WORK AND ADJOURN WITHIN THREE-TO-  
FOUR WEEKS.  
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